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In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure Applicant is hereby submitting the following references which have been cited in a corresponding German Patent Application.


- DE 90 10 980 is a German Patent Office Publication having an application date of July 20, 1990 and a publication date of December 6, 1990. This reference describes a support device for information equipment on submarines with extendable mounting tubes where the additional information equipment is extendable parallel to the mounting tube. A translation of this reference is presently not available to the Applicant.

- DE 37 37 342 is a German Patent Office Publication having an application date of November 4, 1987 and a publication date of May 18, 1989. This reference describes a submarine with at least one device for information exchange where a float is provided for carrying one or more of these devices and is connected to the submarine for lifting and

lowering. No translation of this reference is presently available to Application. However Applicant is attaching an English abstract.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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